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AG Biden Warns Delawareans of Tsunami Relief Scams

WILMINGTON – Delawareans seeking to help the victims of the recent devastating Tsunami in Japan should beware of scam artists seeking to prey on donors' generosity and benefit from the natural disaster.

"Criminals never miss an opportunity to try to cheat victims out of their money," Attorney General Beau Biden said. "Delawareans wanting to aid the relief efforts in Japan should follow a few easy steps to ensure their donation is going to a legitimate charity."

The Consumer Protection section of Biden's Web site – www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov – offers interested Delawareans general tips on avoiding scams. These include asking for written information about a charity, being suspicious of copy-cat charities with similar sounding names as established organizations, and refusing high-pressure tactics.

Biden also encouraged Delawareans to research specific charities before making a donation and recommends visiting www.charitynavigator.org which maintains lists of reputable charities, provides additional questions to ask before donating, and features information on how to avoid falling victim to scams.

Delawareans who have questions or believe they have been the victim of charities fraud are urged to call the Attorney General's toll-free Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424 or email the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit at consumer.protection@state.de.us.

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